IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re application of

Jun TANABE et al.

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of December 9, 2003, a petition for a three-month extension of time being filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows.